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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: John E. Sims

Docket No.: 2976-E

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a)

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the time for filing this Continuation in response to the Final Office Action dated December 15, 2003, for serial no. 09/769,878, be extended for a period of two months to May 15, 2004. A Continuation application is being filed concurrently with this Petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee of \$420.00 and to Deposit Account No. 09-0089. A copy of this Petition is provided for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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